

Lenore Livingston Knight collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Knight, Lenore Livingston, 1909-
Title	Lenore Livingston Knight collection
Date	circa 1930
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1437

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Lenore Livingston Knight was born about 1909 to Ervin and Lucetta L. Knight, who lived in Jackson, Morgan County, Indiana, in 1910 and 1920. In 1930, the family lived at 70 Elm Street, Morgantown, Morgan County. Lenore was listed as a bookkeeper working at the post office. She had a sister named Lucille who was two years younger. At one time, she apparently attended Indiana University, because her poetry in this collection mentions the school.

Scope and Contents

There are 16 typed pages in this collection of poems written by Lenore Livingstone Knight, perhaps while she was a student at Indiana University in Bloomington. On the front page, written in pencil, it says: "Presented to Lewis B. Richardson by the author." Several of the poems are about unrequited love. On page 9, she wrote: "I love you but you do not know, my heart calls to you wherever you go. Wherever you wander, wherever you roam, come back to me, love, my heart calls you home."

On page 11 are two poems: "To An English Comp Prof" and "Tribute." The first poem is thus:

"You asked for poetry.
I thought of a sonnet,
But I found I couldn't
Write one, plague on it.
I thought of an ode
To Psyche or Cupid.
But I found that there
I was just as stupid.
I just couldn't do it,
Though I tried a long time;
So if you won't take this for poetry
Please take it for rhyme."

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"It's tough to be a basket ball fan.
And look out over the floor
When the other side are fightin' hard,
And doublin' up the score.
It's hard to yell your head off,
When all our shots are bum,
It's tough to be a basket ball fan
But our team sure has some."

On page 13 is her poem entitled ROUTINE:

"To bed at two and up at seven,
Lots of work and little pay,
Nothing out but a hard boiled crank,
A news reporter's day.
Lots of news and all of it scoops,
To bed at twelve and up at 'leven,
Robberies, scandals, accidents, interviews,
A news reporter's heaven."

Arrangement

This manuscript is arranged as paginated.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records donation from Lewis B. Richardson on 1947/04.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2015/05/14 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana University (Bloomington, Ind.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Bloomington (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Richardson, Lewis B.

Subject(s)

- American poetry--20th century